

Ask First and Say Thanks!

The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate those people who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is illegal and creates a negative image for all hunters.

Hunter Selection System

- **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are **August 1** for the 2006 Fall, and **December 10** for the 2007 Spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required. Conservation Patron License holders are exempt from the \$3.00 fee.
- **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for preference in that zone. They may also transfer their preference status to an immediate family member, resident farm operator (as defined on the application) or any youth 12 to 17 years of age for that particular zone.
- **Non-resident landowners** owning 50 or more contiguous acres in Wisconsin, within an open wild turkey management zone, are eligible for preference above non-residents not owning land.
- **Cumulative Preference** is used for Spring and Fall turkey hunting permits. Spring and Fall applications are tracked separately.
- **Additional Fall Turkey Permits:** If the number of turkey permits exceeds the number of applicants for a specific zone, any remaining permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The permits will be available at any license sales location, over the phone at 1-877-945-4236, or online at *dnr.wi.gov* Thursday September 7 at 9:00 A.M. The fee for these permits will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Residents will be required to pay an additional \$20.25 and non-residents an additional \$65.25 for a 2006 Fall Turkey License and Stamp unless they have previously purchased this license and stamp or are a 2006 Conservation Patron license holder. Residents and non-residents will have equal opportunity to purchase these permits. Purchasing these permits will not affect your preference status for future Spring or Fall Turkey Permit drawings.
- **Fort McCoy Reservation:** Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security, AFRC-FM-TMR-RB (Permit Sales), 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226. Applications may also be obtained from the web site at **www.mccoy.army.mil**. Applications are available at the end of February. Information: 608-388-3337. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit if you plan to or have already applied for a Fall Turkey Permit in a State of Wisconsin turkey hunting zone. This policy is different from the one that applies to Spring hunting.*

License/Stamp/Carcass Tag Requirements

- To hunt turkeys with a firearm or bow, successful applicants (notified by a postcard that indicates the zone for which their permit is valid) must purchase a 2006 Fall Turkey License/Stamp/Carcass Tag combination and carry it with them while hunting.
- Current fees: resident license \$15.00; non-resident license \$60.00. A \$5.25 stamp privilege fee is automatically added unless the customer purchased a 2006 *Spring* Turkey License/Stamp/Carcass Tag. You may receive the actual stamp at a DNR Service Center for no additional charge.
- **Exceptions:** Conservation Patron holders will receive their tag in the mail. Successful applicants, who purchased a Senior Citizen Recreation Card prior to January 1, 1992, may obtain their tag for free at any license agent. They are required to carry their Recreation Card while hunting.
- Both residents and non-residents can purchase their License/Stamp/Carcass Tag at any DNR Service Center, License Agent, by calling 1-877-945-4236, or online at *dnr.wi.gov*.
- It is illegal to transfer a License/Stamp/Carcass Tag to another hunter or allow its use by anyone else.

Bag Limit

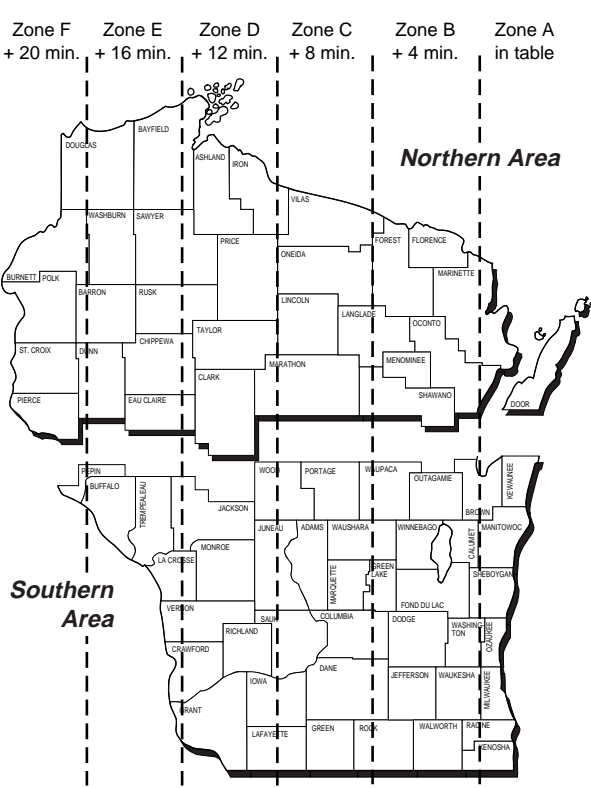
The bag limit is one turkey of any age or sex per Carcass Tag. Note: Turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures.

Other Restrictions

You may **not** hunt turkeys:

1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
 2. With crossbows, which are not legal to use except by the following:
 - (a) Resident or non-resident disabled hunters issued a Crossbow permit or a Class A, a Class B Crossbow or a Class C permit that authorizes hunting with a crossbow.
 - (b) Resident hunters 65 years of age or older.
- Note:** *When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14 inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads. When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds unless equipped with a Draw-Lock type mechanism that holds the bow at full draw, in which case such a bow is exempt from the 100 pound requirement.*
3. While in possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead, no. 2 steel, or other no. 4 non-steel shot; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also **NOT** legal.
 4. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 5. With the aid of dogs.
 6. With live or electronic decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.

Hunting Time Zones



Tagging, Transport and Possession

- Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the Carcass Tag by slitting the corresponding month and day of kill; then attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg with a string or other tie.
- You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

Registration

- Bring your tagged turkey (registration stubs will be available at the registration station) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 P.M. the day after it is killed. A metal registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten. For a list of registration stations call your local DNR Service Center or visit the DNR website *dnr.wi.gov*.

Baiting

- No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait.

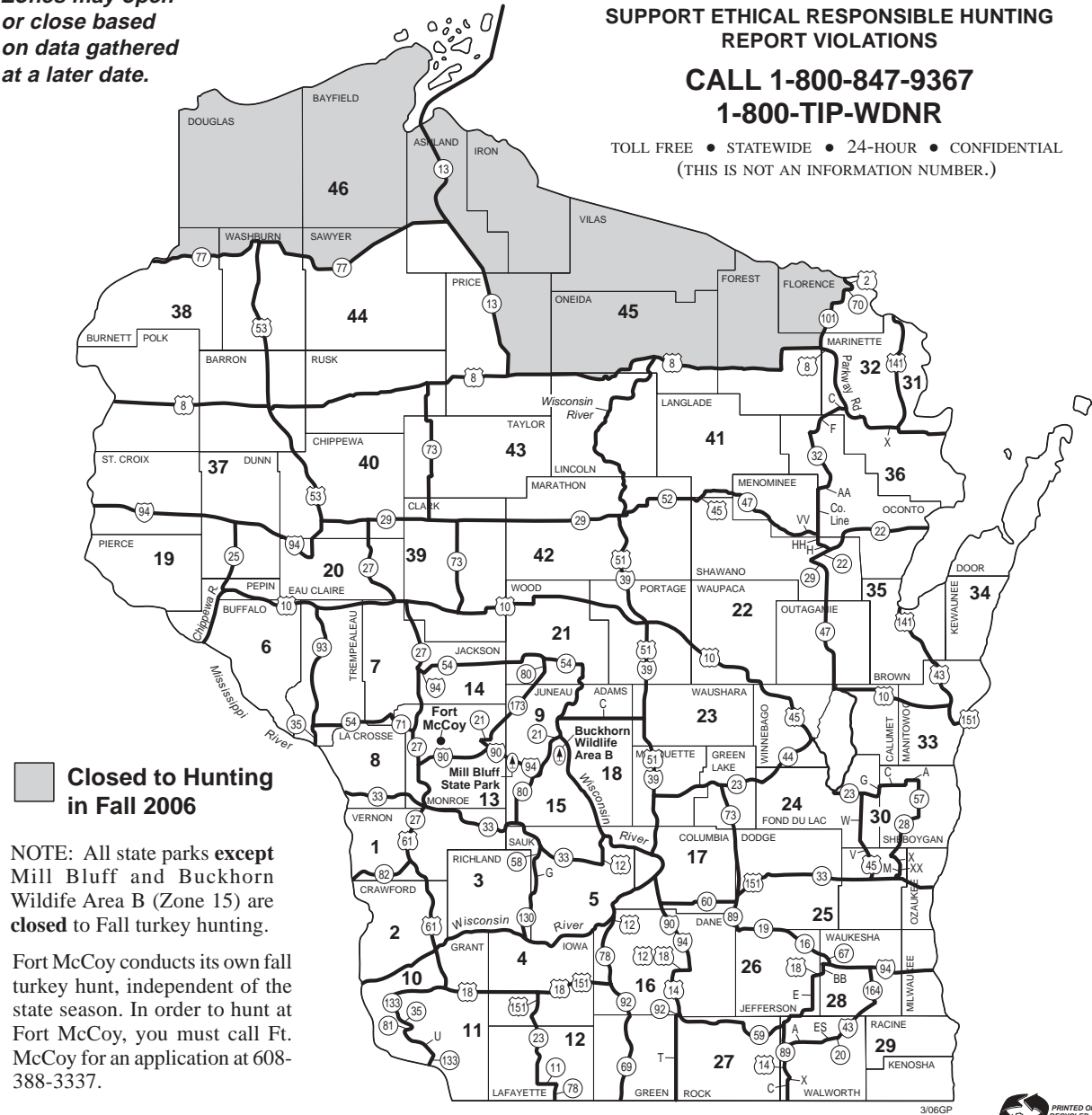
Hunting Hours

- Fall turkey hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are on the map to the left.
- To determine the opening (A.M.) time for all zones except “A”, add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone A time listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours Table.

	Northern Area Hunting Hours		Southern Area Hunting Hours	
Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Oct. 1	6:18	6:50	6:18	6:52
Oct. 2	6:20	6:48	6:20	6:50
Oct. 3	6:21	6:47	6:21	6:48
Oct. 4	6:22	6:45	6:22	6:47
Oct. 5	6:23	6:43	6:23	6:45
Oct. 6	6:25	6:41	6:24	6:43
Oct. 7	6:26	6:39	6:26	6:41
Oct. 8	6:27	6:37	6:27	6:39
Oct. 9	6:29	6:35	6:28	6:38
Oct. 10	6:30	6:33	6:29	6:36
Oct. 11	6:31	6:32	6:30	6:34
Oct. 12	6:33	6:30	6:32	6:33
Oct. 13	6:34	6:28	6:33	6:31
Oct. 14	6:35	6:26	6:34	6:29
Oct. 15	6:37	6:24	6:35	6:27
Oct. 16	6:38	6:23	6:36	6:26
Oct. 17	6:39	6:21	6:38	6:24
Oct. 18	6:41	6:19	6:39	6:23
Oct. 19	6:42	6:18	6:40	6:21
Oct. 20	6:43	6:16	6:41	6:19
Oct. 21	6:45	6:14	6:43	6:18
Oct. 22	6:46	6:12	6:44	6:16
Oct. 23	6:47	6:11	6:45	6:15
Oct. 24	6:49	6:09	6:46	6:13
Oct. 25	6:50	6:08	6:48	6:12
Oct. 26	6:52	6:06	6:49	6:10
Oct. 27	6:53	6:04	6:50	6:09
Oct. 28	6:54	6:03	6:52	6:07
Oct. 29	5:56	5:01	5:53	5:06
Oct. 30	5:57	5:00	5:54	5:04
Oct. 31	5:59	4:58	5:56	5:03
Nov. 1	6:00	4:57	5:57	5:02
Nov. 2	6:01	4:55	5:58	5:00
Nov. 3	6:03	4:54	5:59	4:59
Nov. 4	6:04	4:53	6:01	4:58
Nov. 5	6:06	4:51	6:02	4:56
Nov. 6	6:07	4:50	6:03	4:55
Nov. 7	6:08	4:49	6:05	4:54
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Fall 2006 Wild Turkey Management Zones

Zones may open or close based on data gathered at a later date.



NOTE: All state parks **except** Mill Bluff and Buckhorn Wildlife Area B (Zone 15) are **closed** to Fall turkey hunting.

Fort McCoy conducts its own fall turkey hunt, independent of the state season. In order to hunt at Fort McCoy, you must call Ft. McCoy for an application at 608-388-3337.

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Wild Turkey Management Zones

You may only hunt in the zone specified on your Turkey Hunting Permit and Carcass Tag. All established turkey zones, except state park zones, are shown on the back of this pamphlet. All state parks, except Mill Bluff State Park, are closed to Fall turkey hunters. Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area A is also closed to Fall turkey hunting, however, Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area B is open to Fall turkey hunting.

Assisting Other Hunters

- No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow.
- A guide license is required if the hunting assistant charges a fee.
- You may not shoot or attempt to shoot a turkey for another hunter.

Reduce Crippling Losses

- Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

Focus on Safety

Here are a few tips to help ensure that your hunt is a safe one:

- Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- Be certain no one is beyond the turkey you shoot at.

Scouting

All hunters are encouraged to scout their hunting territory well in advance of the season. Pre-season scouting correlates strongly with success in bagging turkeys.



FALL 2006

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

October 1 - November 9



2006 Turkey Stamp art by Tim Schultz

What’s New for 2006:

- All turkey hunters **statewide** are required to wear at least 50% blaze orange during the youth firearm deer hunt on **Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8.**
- Turkey hunters in Turkey Management Zones (TMZs) 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 may have special blaze orange requirements due to special Chronic Wasting Disease deer control seasons in these TMZs. Refer to the *2006 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* (available in August) for DMU boundaries and special requirements, prior to hunting turkeys in these TMZs.
- All qualified members of the armed forces may purchase a Fall Turkey License at the resident fee, if successful in obtaining a Fall Turkey Permit. Qualified members of the armed forces are treated as residents when applying for turkey permits.
A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.



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